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Hi-Ya Hi-Ya Get some zip,
We're the boys that seldom slip,
Sure and steady, never stop,
Voc Ags! Voc Ags! On the top!
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THE VOC AGS OF SASKATCHEWAN

"We are the Voc Ags of Saskatchewan,
The future farmers of the land,
We're going to stand by our Saskatchewan,
And be its faithful guiding hand.
We are the Voc Ags of Saskatchewan,
To live and farm the better way,
We step along, 'cause we belong,
To the..... S.....of.....A."

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FARM EQUIPMENT PROGRESS IN 1949

By H. A. Lewis.....

The past year has been a banner year in the progress and development of farm machinery. In the farm power field the tractor sales have further emphasized the trends toward either high compression or diesel engines. Rubber tire equipment is the traction choice of almost all of the buyers. Four Companies, John Deere, Massey Harris, Cochshutt and Fordson Major have introduced diesel powered tractors. Several new makes of tractors have appeared on the market under the trade names of Gibson, Long, Intercontinental, Rockol and Simpson. The Rockol is featuring one model with a fluid clutch.

Hydraulic controls for agricultural machines are now standard equipment on a large number of tractors and are available as extra equipment on all others. Development in power take-off driven hydraulic pumps in the last year make it possible to equip any tractor in the field with hydraulic implement controls if the tractor can be fitted with a power take-off shaft.

The devaluation of the pound sterling has made a sharp reduction in the Canadian price of British machinery. Two lines of British tractors are presently being marketed in Canada, the Fordson Major with either a high compression gasoline or a diesel motor and the Field Marshall Diesel. Undoubtedly additional makes of British tractors will be introduced in the near future.

There have not been any new machines introduced for seeding during the last year but the sale and use of seeding attachments for the discers were greatly increased. Seeding with the discer is apparently quite a satisfactory method of sowing cereal grains, particularly when a packer is used in conjunction with the unit.

In the tillage field there is evidence of a definite swing in popularity to the use of the discer and heavy duty cultivator combination. Observations and research indicate a definite place for the heavy duty cultivator in our dry land agriculture, especially when it is equipped with standard shovels or sweeps.

The use of 2,4-D in both spray and dust form is gaining popularity for use in weed control. Some 4 million acres were treated in Saskatchewan in 1949, 83% of this was

treated by the spray method and 11% by the dust treatment. Esther formulations continue to hold first place with the greatest sales volume, Amint sales were in second place with sodium salts enjoying only a very limited popularity. A disc type marker has been developed for spraying and some promise of solving the marking problem. It is now being marketed commercially. A general improvement in quality was apparent in the spraying and dusting machines sold in the last year.

We are apparently on the verge of a new era in harvesting machinery. Several companies have introduced new models, with many improvements, during the last year. A more selective range of speed control through the use of hydraulic, electric or variable speed V belt drives is being featured by the majority of self propelled combines. Combine suppliers are visualizing some increased popularity for well designed pull type combines and are producing pull type machines embodying the same principles as their self propelled machines except for the propelling machinery.

The swather and pick up method of harvesting has gained further popularity except in a few areas where the swather was used solely to take care of a weed problem. In these areas 2,4-D has made a return to straight combining possible.

There is an increasing trend toward a greater sale and use of the auger type loaders, both truck and self contained types for grain handling.

The year has undoubtedly produced a better than average improvement in the mechanization of grain growing. It is still too early to forecast the probable outlook for 1950 but we will have some information for you on the topic by the early part of February.

The students of the School wish to extend their expression of deepest sympathy to Gerry Boyle on his recent sad bereavement.

The front office seems very unoccupied now since Miss Dickey has taken a short holiday with the measles. We hope you are feeling well and will soon be back.

Editorial Page



THE SCHOOL RESIDENCE

The fulfillment of a long felt need has been realized in the School of Agriculture by the erection of a dormitory for the students. The first prominent expression of need was made in the late thirties - the idea has grown ever since. In 1947 the thoughts came to a head when the plans and blueprints were drawn up and the site selected for the building. Construction began in the Fall of that year and except for finishing touches was completed in the autumn of this year.

The 1949-50 class of the School of Agriculture is exceedingly fortunate to be the first group of students to use the building, to make their home here, to "break it in". The 160 students staying in residence enjoy some of the benefits that previous classes have been denied, the convenience of staying on the campus, the opportunity of living together, thereby becoming better acquainted with each other, with others problems.

The dormitory section is divided into three floors, each spreading in an L-shape from a single stairway. Two students share a room, which is approximately 12' by 15'. The furniture is arranged in a duplex fashion so each student has his own bed, table, lamp, mirror, towel-rack and wardrobe. Steam heat is provided by radiators built into the wall beneath a double window. Fluorescent lights are provided throughout all the rooms.

The auditorium is of new design, with acoustic sheeting on the ceiling, composite floor and fluorescent lights. The equipment consists of a single table and chair for each student, a piano, low stage and a platform at the rear for the School's projector.

When comfort is wanted, the lounge affords it with chesterfields, tables and

easy chairs. It is made very homey with a fireplace and full length drapes on the windows.

Next door is the spacious library with its reading tables and ample shelf room for books and publications. A magazine rack at one side permits the stacking of papers for ready reference.

A general office and three private offices complete the plan for the ground floor. The Extension Department have the rooms on the west wing of the ground floor for their offices.

In the basement are located the cafeteria, two small classrooms, a game room and a laundry room. Although not yet fully equipped the cafeteria will have an electric-steam heating system for cooking, two walk-in refrigerators, tables with composite covered tops for easy cleaning and easy nesting chairs. Seating capacity is about 200. The two classrooms each seat about 25 students for English and Speech classes. A mimeograph room adjoins one of the classrooms. A popular resort is the recreation room which harbors three ping-pong tables, three shuffle-board alleys and provision for dart boards.

This gives a general picture of the building set-up, the opportunities it offers and the possibilities for a fuller realization of the course for those living within its walls. Students have a distinct advantage in being able to associate with individuals from other parts of the province and country and in securing information from various sources thereby gaining a greater appreciation of the place of agriculture in the West. This building is a stopping-stone in fulfilling the program of educating the future farmers who (con't)

CLUB NOTES

AGRONOMY CLUB

Last Thursday we were very fortunate in having Dr. Dion attend our meeting and give us some valuable information on greenhouse techniques and on some of the projects, which he intend to carry out. He led a very interesting discussion on soils and fertilizers and also on the action of soil bacteria in maintaining the nitrogen supply.

Thus far we have a few projects planned and one started. The one we started is a weeds project. It consists of the 4 perennial prohibited noxious weeds, which include Russian Knapweed, Field Bindweed, Hoary Cress and Leafy Spurge. Along with these are 2 others, Poverty Weed and Toad Flax. The main purpose of this project, is to be able to identify these weeds.

Other projects on the list are:

1. Study of the problem of dormancy and germination of wildoats.
2. Studing the benefits of surface tillage and trash cover in respect to Nitrogen and humus.
3. Comparison treatments of formaldehyde and mercuric dusts.

The work on the projects listed above is to be started this week. More projects will be added as time and space permits.

MECHANICS CLUB.

Last week at the Mechanics meeting new crests were the first order of business. After some discussion a committee was set up to select new samples.

The wood workers made a late start but their start never checked their ideas. They are planning to make post office boxes for the school.

The motor overhaul group had some tough luck in making a beginning, but after some chasing around they found room in the wood working lab in the basement of the Engineering Building. They plan to get started next week.

The welders are going ahead by leaps and bounds. They have their fees set and have started collecting them. The group plan to buy their equipment next Thursday. The Irrigation group of the mechanics club have been out to look at the university irrigation system and in the future they plan to go into irrigation in detail.

Shop and Building groups have started collecting their materials. Their studies will include the study of Farmsteads, Shops and Farm Buildings.

LITERARY CLUB

After successfully defeating the College of Law our debating team, Neville Baker and Ken Wilkinson, were unfortunately beaten by St. Andrews by a split decision at Convo Hall last Monday.

Neville Baker will be entering the McGowan tryouts, which will be held Friday December 8th. Details will be in the next issue of the S.S.F. It is hoped that the Voc. Ag. support will again be prevalent and give Neville the confidence with which he will be able to prove his abilities.

Our Musical section very ably provided music at the dance Friday night.

Two skits, which were originated and executed by the drama section, were successfully entered into the dance and social of last week.

A very interesting array of latest Paris style hat fashions were exhibited at the dance after which it was unanimously decided that the milk hat should be adopted. It is announced that one of the Profs asked to see Mike Preece after the hat show to establish what he really looked like!!!!!!!!!!!!

At the social the boys continued to give their impressions of etiquette at chow time in Sask Hall.

The Photography Club announces a contest on still life pictures starting today. All who wish to enter should hand their names to Jack Fenwick and have their pictures in by Thursday, Dec. 15th. An authority on photography will judge and comment on entries. It is confidentially reported that preference will be given to blondes!

The School Residence -- can't

will play their part in technical, physical and social work in their respective communities.

WANT ADS - CASH AND CASH VOUCHERS

The Little Royal Grain Show will be held on January 18, 1950. A notice will be placed on the Bulletin Board giving the classes open for competition. Entries and samples must be in the hands of the Little Royal Directorate by Jan. 9. The samples will consist of one quart or approximately two pounds of grain. There will be prizes and ribbons awarded to winners in all classes. In addition a Grand Championship Trophy will be awarded by the Saskatchewan Field Husbandry Association. To compete for the Grand Championship Award, a contestant must be a winner in one of the sections and then will be required to judge samples selected from each class.

The winning samples will compete against the winning samples from the University of Manitoba Grain Show in an Inter-Varsity competition.

Come on fellows! Let's make this the best show yet.

LIVESTOCK CLUB

A \$4.00 livestock membership fee was extracted from the members at our last meeting.

G. Shortt and C. McIvor volunteered to see Mr. Hopkinson and Prof. Egan with regards to the purchase of a litter of pigs.

John Cooper and S. McKenzie volunteered to investigate the possibilities of a poultry project.

There was a tour of the cattle barns which was highlighted by the showing of "Canarie" the World Champion milk producer. She is said to be producing 80 pounds of milk daily.

WANT ADS

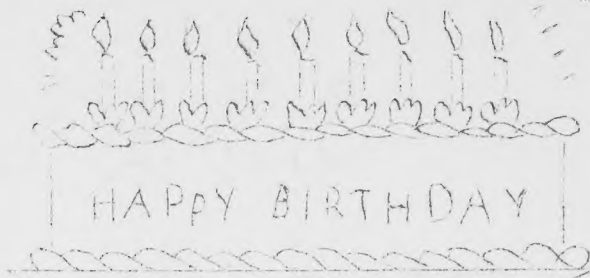
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Bernard Stapleton	Nov. 22
Kenneth Wilkinson	Nov. 25
William Acton	Nov. 27
C. McDonald	Nov. 28
Harold Carlson	Nov. 29

CO-OPERATIVE FARMING CONFERENCE

Great activity has been shown in the School building as the Co-operative Farming Conference held its sessions in the auditorium, Dec. 1 & 2. Harold Chapman, who was elected secretary gave a general outline of the different types and operations of various farm co-operatives in the province.

Hon. T. C. Douglas, Minister of Co-operation, spoke on the success of these ventures. "The results are more prominent," he said, "something new happens every day, though we don't realize them at the time." History may be written on these, the pioneers of a new type of farming, as were the settlers who pioneered the land.

Reports were given from different co-op farms -- Matador, Laurel and River Bend. Discussion followed with questions being answered by speakers, a representative of the D.V.A., Hon. J. S. Sturdy, and the manager of the Scott Experimental Farm.

The delegates were presented, in the evening, with a banquet at the Bessborough Hotel as guests of the Government of Saskatchewan.

Don't tell your friends know about your indigestion: "How are you?", is a greeting not a question.



THE
SENATOR
SAYS

FALL

AIR

Reed - "My, you look grand, do you use
the "School" laundry?"

Code - "No, I tear the buttons off myself!"

Flaten - "I never heard an engine knocking
like that before."

Bellefleur - "That's the knee action wheels
on the car."

Flaten - "Say, they didn't have knee
action wheels when that car was built."

Bellefleur - "It didn't have when I
bought it, but it's knock-kneed now!"

Marshall - "When you go to a restaurant,
why do you always flirt with the
waitress?"

Caldow - "I'm playing for big steaks."

Nurse - "A woman came into our hospital
the other day and she was so cross-
eyed that the tears ran right down her
back."

Boy-Friend - "You couldn't do anything
for her could you?"

Nurse - "Certainly, we treated her for
bacteria."

Over telephone - "What number is this?

Ken - "You ought to know - you called it."

Canmaert - "Knock, knock."

Young - "Who's there?"

Canmaert - "Thunder."

Young - "Thunder who?"

Canmaert - "Thunder the bed if
you need it."

A squeak's heard in the orch-
estra

As the leader draws across
The intestines of the agile cat
The tail of the noble hoss.

Shortt - "Does your baby talk
yet?"

Bolding - "Yes, now we're try-
ing to find a way to shut
him up."

We are wondering how the boys
liked the salad in the skit at
last Sunday's social - red
pepper helps the flavor though,
doesn't it?



Controversy: Hats.

"To be or not to be"



Hats !!!!! Which one????

SASKATCHEWAN VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURALISTS' ASSOCIATION

Budget, 1949-50

	Expenses	Receipts
Resident Directorate	\$ 1000.00	\$ 1000.00
Livestock Club	550.00	550.00
Farm Mechanics Club	200.00	220.00
Literary Club	150.00	150.00
Agronomy Club	20.00	10.00
Exhibition Directorate	500.00	500.00
Athletics Directorate	500.00	-----
"Voc Ag Views"	300.00	50.00
Public Relations	140.00	11.00
Social Directorate	1200.00	1300.00
Sec-Treas. Supplies	40.00	-----
General Acc't		100.00
Total	\$ 4400.00	\$ 4500.00
Surplus	100.00	-----
	\$ 4500.00	\$ 4500.00

Oh, Whistling Train Thou Adamant!

by Eldon Anderson

I heard a train outside my window,
Thundering through the night.
I wondered where it was headed
Where it would be found come daylight.

Their life is full of excitement
They're going first here and then there
They haven't much in material things
But remember-they have the air.

And I felt a peculiar longing
That words can't fully express
To be on my way like those trainmen
I was born a rover I guess.

The wide open air and freedom
Is all they are living for
Now reflect for just a moment my friend!
What sane man will ask for more?

For whenever I hear a train whistle
It presses me through and through
To be up and once again moving
Those far reaching rails to pursue.

For it isn't the possessions we amass
While life we are passing through
That makes an enjoyable life for a man
But the things we love to do.

I must say I envy the hobo
Who's always on the move
Some day perhaps I'll be one
My long held desire to prove.

So if someday I turn up missing
And am nowhere to be found
I've probably "hopped" an outbound freight
And thus yielded to its sound.

THE USE OF 2,4-D AS REPORTED BY FARMERS

Early in July 1949, the Manitoba Weeds Commission distributed to several hundred farmers a questionnaire having to do with 2,4-D. Below is a compilation of the data from 107 replies received.

- Q. Average acreage treated per farm? A. Slightly over 215 acres.
- Q. Crops treated? A. Wheat, oats, barley, flax and corn.
- Q. Date first treatment? A. 6 in May; 47 June 1st to 10th, 106 after June 10th.
- Q. Date completed? A. Mostly late in June; 67 early July; 1 July 28th.
- Q. Formulation used? A. Ester 120; Amine 25; Both 37; Sodium salt.
- Q. Ounces of acid per acre? A. From 2 to 12; Average 3 to 6.
- Q. Method of application? A. Spray 173; Dust 14.
- Q. Approximate acreage treated per hour? A. 13 acres.
- Q. Principal weeds? A. Mustard, Stinkweed, Ragweed, Lambs-quarters, red root pigweed, Canada thistle, Perennial Sow thistle.
- Q. Stage weeds treated? A. All stages; many treated rather late for annuals.
- Q. Weed kill? A. Good, Excellent 90%, 95%, 100%; only 17% fair or lower.
- Q. Were weeds harder to kill in 1949? A. 1/3 yes; Others no.
- Q. Damage to crops? A. None 152; Yes 18; of these 9 stated "slight damage".
- Q. Machines used? A. 20 different makes. Also 2 homemade; 3 companies 60% of rigs.
- Q. Method employed to fill tank? A. 90 used sprayer pump; 7 pump and pail;
51 used other methods, (25 by pail, 26 farm water systems.)
- Q. Was pump on machine fast enough? A. Only 64 stated yes.
- Q. Settling out of chemical? A. 13 yes, mostly stated slight.
- Q. Nozzle or filter trouble? A. None 88; trouble 34, 55 of which were slight.
- Q. Wheel mark damage? A. None 59; Slight 32; Considerable 12.
- Q. Overcoming misses? A. Not overcome 35; Markers (stakes, device end of boom)
11; Drive straight 7; Follow drill 40; Re-spray 1.
- Q. Drift damage? A. Only 23 reported any, mostly slight.
- Q. Did 2,4-D increase yield? A. Yes 136- 2 to 10 bush, or 5 to 20%; No increase 3.
- Q. Will 2,4-D be used another year? A. Without a single exception YES.
- Q. Change in method of application? A. Spray to dust, 3; Dust to Spray, 1.
- Q. Change in formulation used? A. Amine to Ester 6; Ester to Amine 1; where
both were used, 18 to ester, 5 to Amine.

SOCIAL

THE DANCE

Friday, Nov 25, saw the school auditorium jammed to the doors with 230 people in attendance. This, our second dance of the year, was more than successful. If we may borrow the "hollywood" term, we could say that it was the "colossal".

Music to suit everyone's taste was the order of the day with both of our school orchestras in attendance. To open the proceedings, the "modern music" boys held off with such tunes as Muskiet Rumble and the Johnson rag. Then giving way to the "old timers" who, with the able calling of Bob Calder, soon had the floor filled with squares.

But wait just a minute! The show was just getting started.

Lunch, of course, came second to none. So after a half hour break for "eats" in the cafeteria, everyone reassembled in the auditorium for a couple of songs and a skit by the literary club. There were features that were a great success.

The modern orchestra again struck the chords and dancing resumed to such tunes as, The Best a Nest And You Dear played in their famous sweet and low fashion.

Guests for the evening included Miss Rowles, Miss Calder, Prof. and Mrs. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. B. Baker.

COMING

In the near future we are going to have another dance, so boys have your girls fixed.

We are also planning a Christmas party,

dates will be posted.

We had a very successful party on Sunday the 27th with Revell Baker acting as M.C.

Entertainment was provided by local talent and we were fortunate in having Sask. Hall girls help make up a very interesting program.

Two duets by Marge and Kathy Woods and Dorothy Goos and Don Stewart, a solo by Dorothy Phillips and two exceptionally lovely piano solos by Lois Gray and Kay Roberts. After the piano solos we found Joe Bellefleur under a bench. After getting Joe out and dusted off, he and Neville gave an impressive exhibition of popular music.

The literary club gave a skit on the dating etiquette in Sask. Hall with Mike preceeding the main speaker as usual.

The party was followed by a speech. We are sure everyone enjoyed the afternoon and we will be looking forward to the next one.

Here lies the man Richard,
And Mary his wife,
Whose surname was Prichard:
They lived without strife;
And the reason was plain,-
They abounded in riches,
They had no care nor pain,
And his wife wore the breeches.

Overheard -- No wonder you can't dance -
you're bustle bound!

A TRIP TO THE TORONTO ROYAL

As winners in provincial competitions in grain judging and poultry judging, we attained the right to represent the province of Saskatchewan in the National Competition at the "Toronto Royal Winter Fair", under the sponsorship of the Canadian Council on Boys' and Girls' Club Work.

Prior to leaving for the fair, we were given extensive coaching at the University of Saskatchewan in preparation for the competition.

On the eve of departure, we were honored at a banquet in the Bessborough Hotel as a courtesy of the T. Eaton Co. Ltd.

The following morning we rolled out at 4:30 A. M. and excitedly went down to board the train at 6:30 only to find it was eight hours late. We finally began our trip and soon became acquainted with the club members from Alberta and P. C.

The Manitoba teams joined the merry party at Winnipeg and we started on the last leg of our journey. As you might expect, with forty-eight boys and girls on the same train the two days and nights were far from being dull.

We arrived in Toronto on Sunday afternoon and were taken to our rooms in the Royal York Hotel. Sunday evening we were guests at a get-acquainted party and had a chance to meet the Eastern club members.

The competitions were held on Monday and after that we were free to enjoy to the fullest the remaining part of our trip. Tuesday, we toured Canada Packers meat-packing plant and enjoyed a luncheon given by them. At night we had the pleasure of attending the Horse Show at the Royal Winter Fair. Wednesday we visited the Massey-Harris Combine Plant and toured the fair exhibits which are really something to see. In the evening we were guests at the Nineteenth Annual Boys and Girls Club Dinner in the Ball Room of the Royal York Hotel, which was followed by a Friendship Dance.

Thursday morning we visited Niagara Falls, a truly magnificent and beautiful sight. In the afternoon we visited the

International Harvester Company Foundry and Tine Mill and we were their guests at a dinner and program in the evening.

Upon returning to Toronto, we picked up our baggage, said good-bye to the Royal York and boarded the train for Ottawa. We were taken on a tour of the cities of Ottawa and Hull, Quebec. In Ottawa we visited Rideau Hall where we had the privilege of shaking hands with the Governor General of Canada and Lady Alexander. At noon we were given a luncheon in the Quebec Suite, Chateau Laurier and in the afternoon we toured the House of Parliament and were taken to the top of the Peace Tower.

As the day ended we came to the realization that the enjoyment of each others company was almost at an end. As the various parties prepared to board their respective trains, several promising friendships were forced to terminate, for the time being at least. We parted, feeling that the experience had given us a rich measure of fellowship and education and was something not soon to be forgotten.

-Keith Taylor, Allen Green of the
Parkman Junior Grain Club.

- Stuart McKenzie - Colonsay-
Elstow Poultry Club.

THE PLACINGS OF THE TEAMS ATTENDING THE

TORONTO ROYAL

Dairy Calf Club - - - - -	Sixth
Swine Club - - - - -	Third
Grain Club - - - - -	Fourth
Junior Poultry Club - - - - -	Second
Baby Beef Club - - - - -	Third
Foods Project - - - - -	Fourth
Clothing Project - - - - -	Fifth

There is a love of the mind
That holds, never loosens
More sweet than the bodily kind
And much less of a nuisance.



SPORTS

At a football game:

"What is a pigskin used for?"

"To hold the pig together."

Bowling

The major sport of bowling is rolling along smoothly with competition being very keen. Fred Bolding is doing a good job in gathering up the score slips from the various teams and keeping everyone posted on their standings. Remember this though, fellows, we can make it easier for him by getting our score slips in to him as early as possible instead of having him run to us for them.

Here are the standings:

Strikes -	12	Blue Bombers	6
Flyers	12	South Westors	6
Beavers	9	Temperance	6
Blows	9	Hot Shots	5
Challengers	9	Dodgers	5
Dragons	8	Boozers	3
V-8's	8	Slickers	3
Tumble Weeds	7	Spark Plugs	2
		All Stars	0

Basketball

We now have a team in the Minor League Basketball Competition. The first League game was played on Friday, Nov. 25 against the Engineers 5. The Engineers won the game 35-17, but remember they've been practising since they came in - in September and we've only been on the floor about three times. In a while Roy Saal, the coach of our team, will build a team that will be right in there. The scorers in that game were Steusnecoff, Saal, Marshall and Kjorven.

Water Polo

Water polo seems to be rather a strange game to most of us but we've got a team in this too. The first game was played on Wednesday, the 23rd, against Commerce. A 6-1 defeat was suffered by our local boys.

Just getting over the effects of drinking large amounts of swimming pool water, the boys tussled with the Engineers and dropped the game 4-0.

Boxing

Every Monday and Thursday the boys interested in boxing meet over in Qu' Appelle Hall. Alf Selby is the coach for the boys. An instructor is present at the work-outs also.

Others

In the hockey, curling and skiing lines there is nothing doing yet as the weatherman keeps on giving us mild weather. The mild weather is naturally enjoyable but many of us who like ice sports are getting anxious for cold weather.

Another of our students has been hospitalized. Buster McDonald was admitted last Friday for an appendectomy operation. A full, speedy recovery is wished by the students.

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